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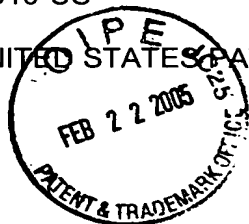
In Re the Application of

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For: LITHOGRAPHIC APPARATUS AND DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD



Group Art Unit: 2872

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Sir:

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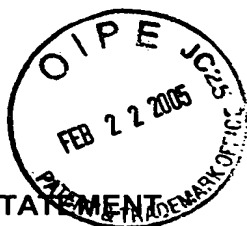
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